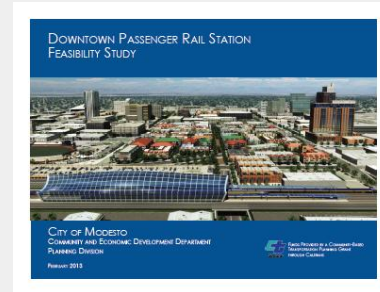




Passenger Rail Station Planning

City of Modesto

Community-Based Transportation Planning
FY 10-11 Grant Cycle
District 10
Grant Award Amount: \$100,000



Project Summary:

This purpose of this study was to determine the viability of a future passenger rail station for potential high speed and conventional rail service in downtown Modesto by identifying the strengths and weaknesses of the proposal. This project supported California High-Speed Rail and Altamont Commuter Express passenger rail plans for the northern San Joaquin Valley, and is consistent with the Valley Blueprint, Assembly Bill 32, and Senate Bill 375. It is expected to spur downtown reinvestment, reduce farmland conversion, and improve regional mobility and accessibility for people and freight.

Community Outreach

- Direct public input was sought through three workshops which were held to: consider criteria for selecting a station site; identify several potential stations sites; and identify the preferred station site of the several identified.
- By involving the community in this project, stakeholders were educated along the way on Proposition 1A's intent, as well as the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) Business Plan.

Project Outcome

- The final deliverable is the Downtown Passenger Rail Station Feasibility Study which includes existing conditions, site selection, right of way needs, funding sources, and policy recommendations.
- This project has prepared entities in the area for the extension of the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) and Modesto's involvement in the California High Speed Rail.

Successes & Next Steps

- Modesto is a part of the second phase of the High Speed Rail train system, which indicates that the implementation of this study may be delayed dependent on revisions to the CHSRA's business plan.
- As this rail station is planned to be both a part of the ACE and the California High Speed Rail, funding for it will come from a variety of locations and grants. Some of these funding sources are Federal and State transportation grants, grants from the Federal Railroad Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program, Interregional Transportation Improvement Program, and several others which have been identified.